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Rolf Hochhuth, the Swedish-resident German author of "The Deputy" and "Soldiers," has written another polemic drama, "Guerrillas," which represents that the Central Intelligence Agency arranged the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King and that Richard Nixon, while Vice-President, collaborated with the late Senator Joseph M. McCarthy in creating a witch-hunt atmosphere in the United States.

The play has been produced at the Stuttgart State Theater in West Germany, and the author has been quoted as saying that he hopes it will be done in this country and that it will bring on a workers' revolution. The work is billed as a tragedy, because the attempted coup to overthrow the Nixon Administration is a failure when the wife of a Senator who engineers the plot is kidnapped by the CIA and is tortured and murdered after giving away the plans.

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Hochhuth's first play, or at least the first to attract major attention, was "The Deputy," which alleged that the late Pope Pius XII declined to use Vatican influence to oppose Nazi persecution of the Jews before and during World War II. "Soldiers" presented the thesis that Winston Churchill was an accomplice in the alleged murder of the Prime Minister of Free Poland and the saturation bombings of German cities during World War II.

Both dramas were produced widely in Europe and both created intense controversy. In the case of "The Deputy," it provoked violent protests in a number of cities, including riots in Paris. The production of "Soldiers" in London was prevented by the Lord Chamberlain for a year or so. It was a critical and popular failure when English stage censorship was abolished. Both "The Deputy" and "Soldiers" were failures on Broadway.